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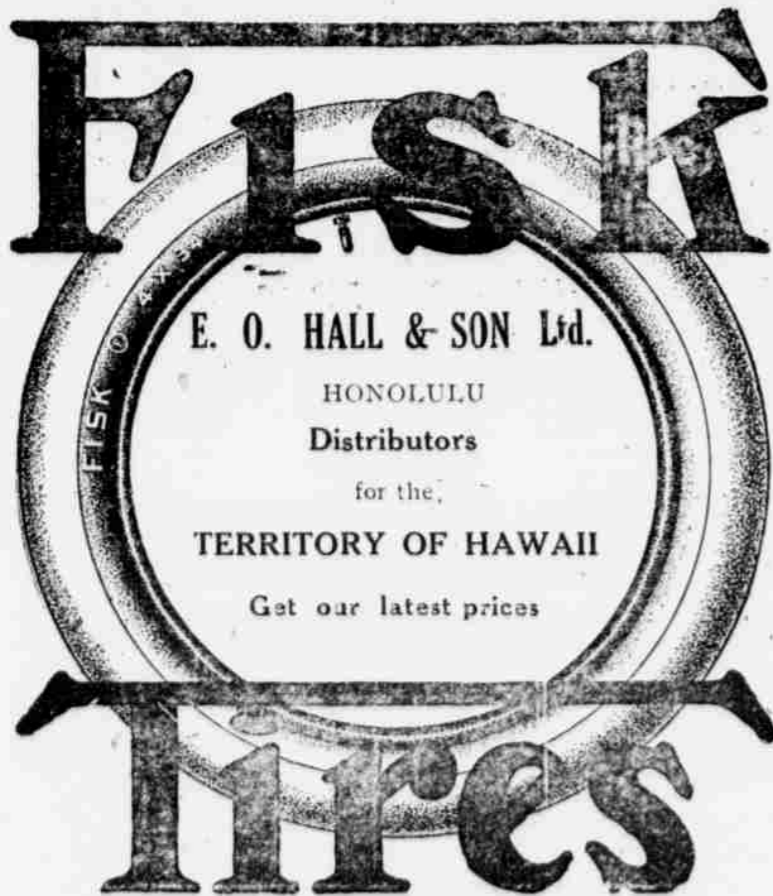
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From the Other Islands

Commission Favors Retaining County Agents

According to the Star-Bulletin of Dec. 11th, the county agent system, which has been part of the program of the territorial food commission, will be continued under the supervision of the College of Hawaii, if Governor McCarthy follows the recommendation of the commission which was drawn up today. The appropriation for the territorial food commission has been exhausted and at present the expenses are being paid out of the governor's contingent fund.

The most important work of the commission which remains is the continuation of the county agents and if this can be provided for the office of the commission will close up at the end of the month.

Dr. A. L. Dean of the college of Hawaii is very anxious that this branch of the work be turned over to him, since it is directly in line with the extension work of the college. Through the country such county agents are under the supervision of the state agricultural colleges.

At the meeting this morning, with Jas. D. Dole presiding, the matter of county agents was taken up, and C. G. Bockus moved that the territorial food commission recommended to the governor that the agents be continued under the College of Hawaii. The motion was seconded by Maj. J. M. Stainback and carried.

Major Stainback then moved that the governor allow no less than \$4000 out of any money available to cover the expenses of the commission up to Dec. 31. This was seconded by Mr. Bockus and carried.

The offices of the food commission will close on the last day of the year, and the body will meet only if a necessity arises. J. F. Child will continue as federal administrator until peace is declared.

Waiakea Lots are Valued

The Waiakea Homestead Lots, says the Hawaii Herald, have been appraised by the valuers, J. G. Andrews and J. M. Gouvea, who have been engaged on the work for sometime past. The two appraisers have been over the land in question and they have tramped for miles through cane fields, carrying blueprints and maps with them so that they could mark down accurately what they thought each lot of land would be worth to a homesteader.

The result of the labor of the appraisers is that they have decided that the Waiakea lands vary greatly in value and that while some lots are worth as much as \$135 an acre, other lots are only valued at \$15 an acre.

That some of the cane land classed as worth \$135 an acre is well worth the money, is the opinion of the two appraisers and they have so reported to the Governor and the Land Commissioner. That a good deal of the land that is classed as \$15 and acre is made up of patches of waste soil is also said to be correct and this has the effect of reducing the average value of the lots.

The two appraisers are said to have worked independently as regard to placing of the values of the land as they went over it, but when they finally completed their labors they found that they had come very close to agreeing upon the value of each homestead lot.

The next step in the opening of the Waiakea lands to homesteading will be the placing of the land for settlement. This will take place in the near future.

Territorial Salary Boosts

Estimates now being prepared by heads of territorial departments, covering financial necessities for the coming biennial period, are paving the way for increases in the salaries of many government employees. Whether or not the estimates, carrying the proposed increases, will come within the revenues which will be available during the next two years, and whether a paring of the estimates will be necessary to balance the revenues, is problematical just now.

The estimates as finally shaped up will go before the finance committees of the 1919 legislature in the appropriation bill, and the lawmakers will have final say as to what salaries shall be increased. While there has been no concerted demand for an increase of the salaries of government employees, the necessity of a raise has been pointed out on numerous occasions.

Governor McCarthy, in an interview recently, stated that, in his opinion, there should be increases in several instances not only in the cases of government employees, but in the cases of heads of departments as well. He has pointed out that, in order to keep highly trained and competent men in public office, ample remuneration is necessary; and that unless this was provided, the territory might find itself unable to get suitable men in office.

Many of the estimates from departments have been prepared already, but there are still several to come. A number of salary increases are provided for in the estimates now ready for consideration.—Star-Bulletin.

EVERY ISLAND HAS ITS PRICE FOR COTTAGES

Why should a cottage cost only \$1000 on the island of Kauai, yet cost approximately \$2000 on the island of Hawaii? This is a question which some of the school commissioners would like to have solved. The idea that lumber costs more in Hilo is a poor excuse, according to Honolulu contractors.

But then it is reported that the cottage which would cost about \$1000 on Kauai will cost about \$1300 on Oahu and practically \$1750 on Maui; so there appears to be a progression in price the further away one gets from Kauai. What is the answer?

According to one territorial official interested in buildings, it appears to be altogether in the average bid of the contractors and as to whether there is competition or not.—Advertiser.

NO RACE SUICIDE HERE

Two births reported yesterday in the bureau of vital-statistics of the territorial board of health are eloquent proof that race suicide has gained no foothold in Hawaii, says the Advertiser of the 12th.

Leocadia, a daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Raphael Ocampo of Campbell Avenue, Kapahulu, on Monday of this week, is the 19th child this Spanish couple has brought into the world, although but ten of the progeny are living. Mr. Ocampo is a farmer and 58 years old. His wife is 19 years his junior.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel K. Miller, of Kalihi-uka, have been more fortunate than the couple from Spain. Their 12th child, a boy, was born on Tuesday of this week, and the full dozen are present and accounted for when Papa and Mama Miller sit down for dinner in their home up in the beautiful Valley of Kalihi.

Mr. Miller, a painter, is of Caucasian-Hawaiian extraction, while his wife, who was Miss Daisy Amoy, is Asiatic-Hawaiian.

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